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In re application of

Emmanuel MERMOZ

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Application No. 10/790,089

Group 3679

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COUPLING FLANGE SYSTEM FOR HOLLOW SHAFT

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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January 11, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 11, 2005,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is provided which follows the signature
page of this paper.